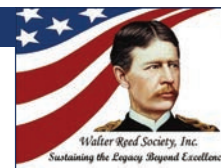


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President's Message



John Pierce

WRS OFFICERS

Elected Officers

President

COL (R) John Pierce

First Vice President

COL (R) Brian Foley

VP Communications

CSM (R) Ricardo Alcantara

VP Development

Vacant

VP Membership

COL (R) George Turiarsky

VP Patient Services

SGM (R) Dan Bullis

VP Programs

Vacant

VP Finance

Vacant

VP Projects

COL (R) S. Avery Davis

Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

LTC (R) John Wetterau

Appointed

WRS Advisor

Mrs. Rose Mologne

Administrator

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Hermeline M. Taylor

Liaison Sports and Recreation

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Office of Distinction

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Maj Gen (R) Enrique Mendez

President Emerita

COL (R) Janet Southby

Past President

COL (R) Joseph Konzelman

According to the experts, it seems we may be coming out of two long years of the coronavirus pandemic. At least we may be trying to get back closer to "life as usual." Therefore, the Walter Reed Society is moving ahead with plans for our first face-to-face membership meeting in two years with our Annual Meeting in May as well as our twice postponed reunion on the old Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) property in October 2022. This newsletter contains information about the Annual meeting in May and several articles about the reunion as well as the development of the old WRAMC property.

So...**Save the Date of October 16, 2022.**

In February, WRS Board members met with BG Jack Davis, Director of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), to introduce him to the Society and our work. General Davis arrived at WRNMMC last summer but this was the first time we had been able to meet with him because of pandemic restrictions. He was already somewhat familiar with our work as he had recently approved a request by the Society to fund a pediatric art project. He expressed his appreciation for our support of the hospital, its patients, and staff.

CAPT John Gallicchio USPHS (Retired) has stepped down from his position on the WRS Board as Vice-President for Communications. John has served in this position for several years and I sincerely thank him for his dedicated work on behalf of the Society and those we serve. He has been responsible for our website and all that it contains. He has had to be in almost constant contact with our website manager to insure that all the operations are functional so the membership and public can interact with the Society. Thanks so much John and Best Wishes.

As John leaves his position, we welcome CSM Ric Alcantara US Army (Retired) to assume the Vice-President for Communications position on the Board. The WRS Board still has several positions vacant. If anyone is interested and willing to serve, please let me or any of the other Board members know.

Again, our thanks and gratitude to all our donors and supporters. We very much appreciate your continued generous support. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting in May and at the Reunion in October.



WRS ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ 11:30 AM - 2 PM

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

Dining Room

4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD, 20889



Brunch ~ \$30 per person ~ Mail check or pay at door

Check payable to: WRS, 8901 Rockville Pike, Box 303, Bethesda, MD 20889

RSVP by April 29th—support@walterreedsociety.org or 301-571-1580

For security clearance and gate entry, it is recommended that attendees without a DOD ID card have 2 photo IDs (one government issued) and proof of vaccination; masks (optional)

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WRS Salutes



John Longenecker Long-time Supporter

In February 2022, the Society's John Pierce and Carlton Kammerer met with executives of Longenecker and Associates to recognize John Longenecker's long and generous support of the Society. Unfortunately John was unable to attend because of unexpected cancellations of his flights into DC. Pierce and Kammerer are pictured above with executives of Longenecker and Associates: left to right: Laurie Judd, Keller Staley, John Pierce, Christine Gelles, Carlton Kammerer and Martin Schneider.



The Korean War Veterans Association Supports the Walter Reed Society

Dan Bullis (left) Walter Reed Society Vice-President for Patient Services and John Pierce (4th from left) Walter Reed Society President accept a donation from Jeffrey J. Brodeur (6th from left), National President, Korean War Veterans Association in front of The Unspoken Bond Statue in the lobby of the Eagle Building at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Other members of the Korean War Veterans Association, a long time supporter of the Society, look-on.



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Helping Fisher Houses



One of the Fisher Houses at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Several years ago the Walter Reed Society expanded its mission to assist other non-profits in the National Capital Region (NCR). In an effort to accomplish this, the WRS Board reached out to the Fisher Houses in the NCR. The Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. Each Fisher House has a number of private suites, with private bedrooms and baths.

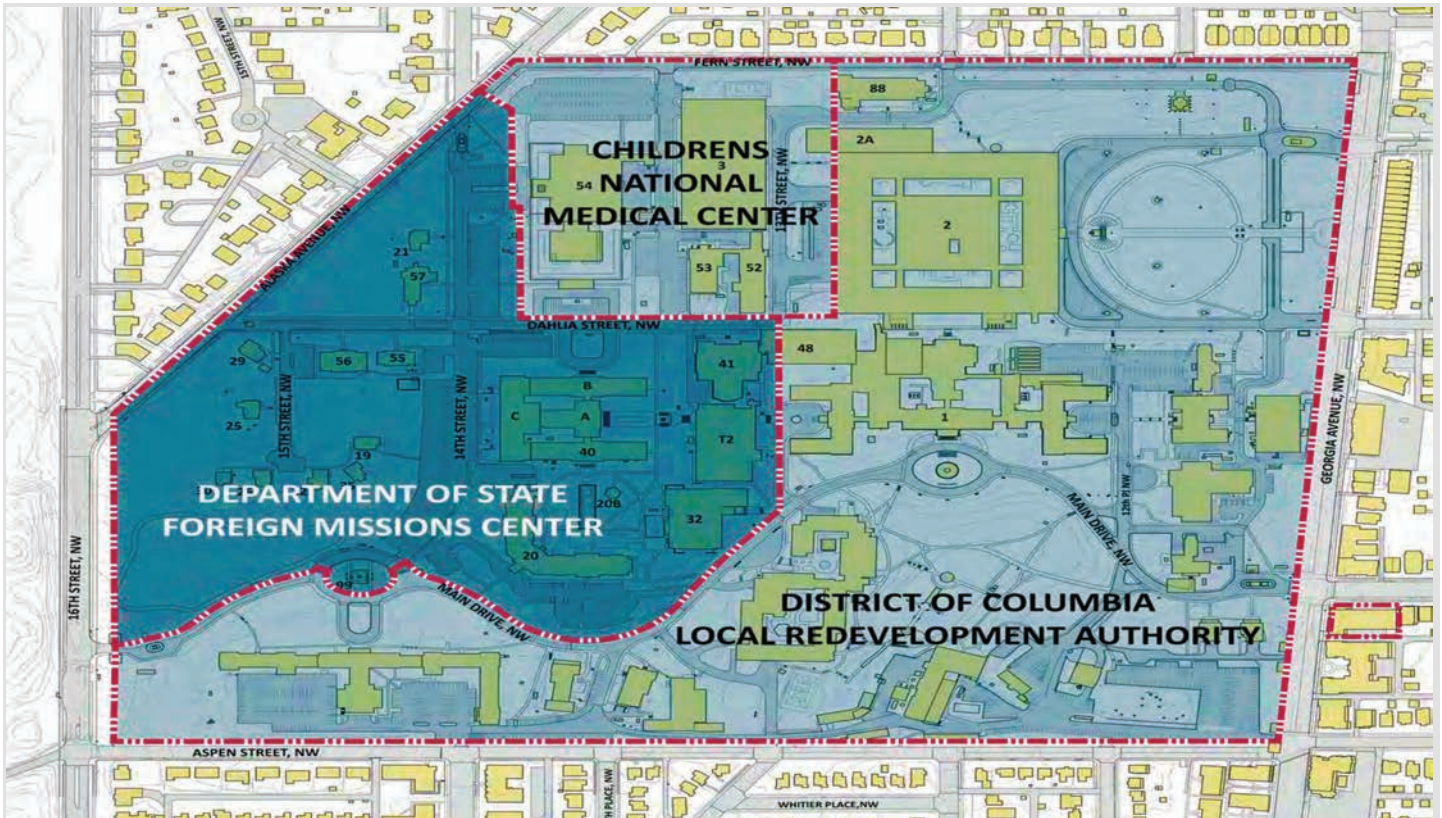


Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a dining room, and an inviting living room. The Fisher House Foundation builds each house on federal government property and operates it for a year; the house is then turned over to the government to be funded and operated; each house then competes for federal funds within their overseeing agency. To support the Fisher Houses, the Society recently purchased three clothes washers and dryers for the Fisher Houses at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



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Walter Reed Army Medical Center Re-Use Plan



As many of you know the old WRAMC campus was declared excess federal property and turned over to three different entities. The DC city government bought the largest portion, the U.S. Department of State was conveyed a portion, and Children's National Medical Center a portion. The outline of each portion is shown on the above map; the buildings depicted are the original buildings that were on the WRAMC campus.

The DC city government's Local Redevelopment Authority selected three developers for its portion; they have begun their work. The area is now known as The Parks at Walter Reed; several of the planned housing locations already have residents.

The US Department of State is developing a Foreign Missions Center on its 32 acres.

Children's National Medical Center was given about 12 acres that contained the AFIP building, Rumbaugh Garage, an old theater and a warehouse. These buildings have been repurposed into a Research and Innovation Center as well as outpatient clinic area.

FIND OUT MORE...

The Parks at Walter Reed
theparksdcc.com



Foreign Missions Center
state.gov/foreign-missions-center



Children's National Medical Center
childrensnational.org/research/research-and-innovation-campus

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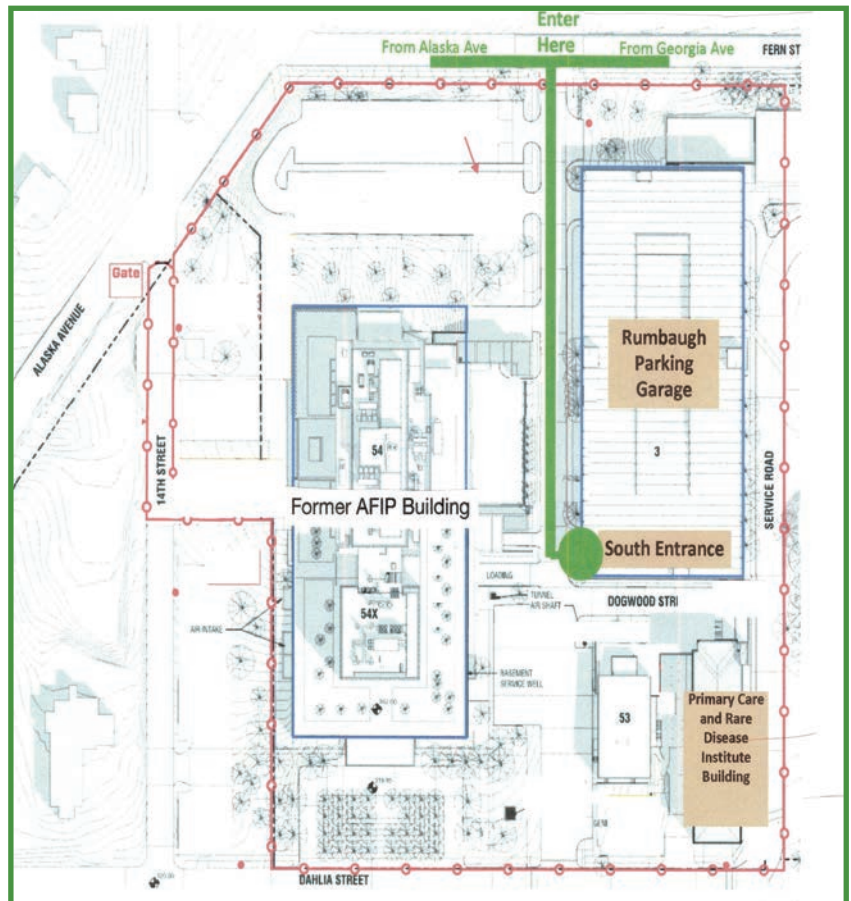
WRAMC REUNION — Save the Date October 16, 2022

THE WALTER REED SOCIETY is hosting a Reunion on the old WRAMC Campus for all Society members and friends of Walter Reed. All units, ranks, personnel and friends of the former WRAMC and the Society are welcome. We originally scheduled this event for 2020 but it has been postponed twice because of the pandemic. At this writing in March 2022, we are planning on having the event this year on October 16, 2022.

Since the WRAMC campus was closed in 2011 many changes have occurred with division of the 115 acre parcel of land into three sections. The largest portion went to the DC city government and is being commercially developed. A second portion went to the US Department of State which has plans for a Foreign Missions Center. The last portion was given to Children's Hospital National Medical Center. See additional articles in this newsletter for more information on development of the property.

The Society initially planned to hold the reunion in the Rose Garden, however safety, parking, construction and other concerns have led us to move the location to the Children's Hospital portion of the campus. Parking will be readily available in an on-ground lot or in the Rumbaugh Garage with our gathering on the west side of the former AFIP building that we knew as the front entrance to AFIP building.

The Reunion will be held on the property of Children's Hospital Research and Innovation Center located in the former AFIP building on the old WRAMC campus. Children's has graciously allowed us to use this space. Parking will be available. See map and directions below.



- ➡ Using GPS navigate to the corner of Fern Street and 13th Place NW, Washington, DC.
- ➡ From Fern Street turn into the Children's Research and Innovation Center property.
- ➡ After entering the property, turn right into an on-ground parking lot. If this lot is full, additional parking will be in the Rumbaugh Garage on your left.
- ➡ A sidewalk leads around the north end of AFIP building to what we knew as the front entrance of the AFIP building.

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WRAMC REUNION

Historic WRAMC Reunion Save the Date - 16 Oct 2022

Sponsored by: Walter Reed Society, Inc.

Venue: "old" Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) property

Date/Time: Sunday ~ October 16th

1:30 - 4:30 PM

Location: Property of Children's Hospital Research and Innovation Center (former AFIP building)

★ Enter at corner of Fern Street and 13th Place, NW, Washington, DC — Parking signs displayed — ★

TICKETS AND ADMISSIONS

Tickets - \$25 per person

Children under 12 (complimentary/accompanied by adult)

Event ticket required for admission

Lunch ~ Beverages ~ Cash Bar

Amenities: Tents ~Tables ~ Chairs
Portable restrooms and more...Event program

Tickets must be ordered by September 30th

WRAMC "REUNION" SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The deadline for sponsorship listings in printed program — **September 16, 2022**

Regiment Sponsor **\$7,500**

Organization name on WRS website 1 year
Recognition in next WRS newsletter
Recognition on sponsor signage
Recognition in program
Podium recognition at event
Twelve tickets to event

Battalion Sponsor **\$5,000**

Organization name on WRS website 1 year
Recognition in next WRS newsletter
Recognition on sponsor signage
Recognition in program
Podium recognition at event
Ten tickets to event

Company Sponsor **\$2,500**

Organization name on WRS website for 1 year
Recognition in next WRS newsletter
Recognition on sponsor signage
Recognition in program
Eight tickets to the event

Platoon Sponsor **\$1,000**

Organization name on WRS website 6 months
Recognition in next WRS newsletter
Recognition on sponsor signage
Recognition in program
Six tickets to the event

Squad Sponsor **\$500**

Recognition in program
Four tickets to the event

Friends Sponsor **\$250**

Recognition in program
Two tickets to the event

For additional information please go to the WRS website at: www.walterreedsociety.org

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WRAMC Reunion Sponsorship FormIndividual or Organization Name
_____Contact name (if different from above) to discuss
acknowledgement
_____Mailing address
_____Email and Phone number
_____**Sponsorship Levels:**

Regiment (\$7,500)	Battalion (\$5,000)
Company (\$2,500)	Platoon (\$1,000)
Squad (\$500)	Friends (\$250)

Sponsorship level selected: _____

Amount donated: \$ _____

Please make check payable to **Walter Reed Society**
and mail with this form to:

Walter Reed Society
8901 Rockville Pike, Box 303
Bethesda MD 20889

If you prefer to make an electronic transfer, please visit
the website —walterreedsociety.org. Donations may be
made thru PayPal. On the homepage, click: Contribute
to the Society. Donate now.

Walter Reed Society EIN number is 52-1961196

The deadline for sponsorship listing in the printed
program — **September 16, 2022**

Thank you for your support of the Walter Reed Society.

WRAMC Reunion Ticket Order FormName

****Name(s) and dates associated with Walter Reed
for your name badge:**

Mailing address (to receive purchased tickets):
_____Email and Phone number
_____**Ticket Order**

Number of tickets _____ x \$25 per ticket \$ _____

Adults _____ # Children 12 and older _____

In Kind Donation \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Walter Reed Society by September 30, 2022.

Indicate tickets in the memo line. Tickets will be mailed
to you.

Mail this form along with check to:

Walter Reed Society
8901 Rockville Pike, Box 303
Bethesda MD 20889

Tickets may also be purchased using PayPal by visiting
the website, walterreedsociety.org. Confirmation/tickets
will be emailed to you if you use PayPal.
Additional on-line payment options may also be availa-
ble soon.

****Remember to include your name and dates
associated with Walter Reed for the name badge.**



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MEMBERSHIP CONNECTIONS: We continue to develop an electronic mailing list of our membership. Please share your email address and indicate interest in receiving our newsletter electronically.

Are You a WRS Member? - Annual - \$25; Two Year - \$40; Five Year - \$100; Lifetime - \$500



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**MAY 15, 2022
WRS ANNUAL MEETING
BETHESDA, MD**

Available now on WRS WEBSITE: walterreedsociety.org

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**OCTOBER 16, 2022
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